



URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JEAN F. BURKHOLDER**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE CENTER

205 North Race St. Urbana, IL 61801

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

7:30 p.m.

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The mission of Urbana School District 116, a multi-cultural community committed to educational excellence, is to ensure that all learners acquire knowledge, develop skills, and build character to achieve personal greatness and help create a better global society, by providing innovative, comprehensive programs, respecting individual learning styles and cultural differences, and fostering caring and nurturing relationships, while engaging each student, every family and the entire community.

Mr. John H. Dimit, President

Ms. Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary

Ms. Elaine Gehrmann, Member

Mr. Paul Poulosky, Member

Dr. Donald D. Owen, Superintendent

Ms. Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President

Ms. Brenda Carter, Member

Ms. Peggy Patten, Member

Ms. Lori Johnson, Board Secretary

7:15 p.m. the Board of Education had a reception to acknowledge:

**Bryan Lake as a recipient of:
The Presidential Award for Excellence in
Mathematics and Science Technology Teaching**

and

**Students: Saul Downie, Niknaz Iranmanesh, Maeva O'Brien,
Gabi Rajic, and Penny Xu**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Dimit called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Present:

John H. Dimit, President
Benita Rollins-Gay, Vice-President
Ruth Ann Fisher, Secretary
Brenda Carter, Member
Elaine Gehrmann, Member
Peggy Patten, Member
Paul Poulosky, Member

Also Present:

Donald D. Owen, Superintendent
Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Deputy Superintendent
Gayle Jeffries, Asst Supt of Human Resources
Todd Taylor, Asst Supt of Student Services
Carol Baker, Chief Financial Officer
Ota Dossett, Director of Facilities and Grounds

3.0 ADDITIONS, CORRECTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

4.0 CITIZENS STATEMENTS

5.0 CALL FOR EXECUTIVE MEETING/SESSION (After current meeting)

6.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Patten moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Carter. Motion passed.

7.0 COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Bryan Lake, has received The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Technology Teaching. This award is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teacher from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. Bryan is one of two Illinois teachers to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations Bryan!

The following students were recognized for their academic and athletic accomplishments during the Fall semester: Saul Downie – All Area Soccer Player of the Year and admission to Yale; Niknez Iranmanesh – part of the USA delegation to South Korea for World Martial Arts Festival; Maeva O'Brien – National Merit finalist; Gabi Rajic – All Area Swimmer of the Year, 2nd year in a row; Penny Xu – USA representation on the Junior World Chess.

8.0 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

8.01 National Mentoring Month

Barbara Linder, Mentor/Volunteer Coordinator, gave the Board of Education a report about mentoring and community involvement.

8.02 Dual Language Expansion Update

Joseph Wiemelt, Director of Equity and Student Learning Bilingual Programs, updated the Board of Education on the possible expansion of dual language programs.

9.0 COMMUNICATIONS

10.0 POLICY REVIEW

11.0 ACTION ITEMS (Consent)

Member Poulosky moved to approve the following consent action items, seconded by Vice-President Rollins-Gay. On a roll call vote, all members present voted “aye.”

11.01 Minutes

December 17, 2013, Business Meeting
January 7, 2014, Study Session

11.02 January Bills/Checks

Education Fund Bills	\$ 712,016.61
Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	\$ 151,559.84
Bond & Interest Fund Bills	\$ 0.00
Transportation Fund Bills	\$ 185,241.41
Capital Project 2010 Fund	\$ 18,758.43
School Facility Occup Tax	\$ 0.00
Facility Sales Tax Projects	\$ 0.00
Capital Projects – Debt Certif	\$ 7,084.00
TORT	\$ 18,187.97
Payroll	\$ 3,319,791.13
Adult Education	\$ 71,254.85

11.03 Interfund Loans - None

11.04 Personnel Items

Approval of various personnel items were requested.

11.05 Approval of the Activity Accounts

Approval of the following activity accounts were requested:

- 1) UHS – Boy's Swimming
- 2) UHS – World Studies
- 3) UHS – Class of 2018
- 4) UHS – UHS Cheerleading

12.0 ACTION ITEMS (Individual)

12.01 Gifts

Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign, donated gloves/mittens, scarves and hats to the District,

Meijers, Urbana, donated sixteen gift baskets for the Prairie Elementary School's Winter Gala. This donation was valued at \$800.

C-U Early Miracle on 34th Street (Brandy Clegg, Pat Bohlen and Kathy Webber), held a fundraiser at the Urbana Civic Center on November 24, 2013, raising \$841 and collected hats, mittens and canned goods for Urbana Early Childhood School.

Jack Wheeler, Eugene, OR, donated a Nikon SLR camera and case, valued at \$550 to Urbana High School.

Champaign-Urbana Ballet, donated twelve tickets, valued at \$300 to Urbana Early Childhood School to be passed out to families.

Deborah Katz-Downie, Urbana, donated \$100 to Urbana High School AP Art class.

Betty Allen, Yankee Ridge; Cara Maurizi and Valencie Roloff, Wiley; April Blacker, Leal; received an anonymous donation of \$2,593.84 to purchase items for the Fine Arts in these buildings.

Theresa and Bruce Michelson, Urbana, donated \$500 to Urbana High School Academic Booster Club.

Debra Lissak, Urbana, donated a Bundy trombone and two mouthpieces, valued at \$150 to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Music Assistance Program at Urbana Middle School.

The following made monetary donations to the Evelyn Burnett Underwood Music Assistance Program at Urbana Middle School: Venkatesh and Lalitha Yekkirala - \$250; Yashua and David Baker - \$100; James and Darlene Kloepfel - \$1,000, all from Urbana.

Member Gehrman moved to approve and accept the above gifts, seconded by Member Poulosky. Motion passed.

12.02 Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Sale or Disposal of Personal Property

Approval of a resolution authorizing and directing the sale or disposal of personal property, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-22.8 was requested.

Member Poulosky moved to approve item #12.02, seconded by Member Patten. Motion passed.

12.03 Approval of the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 School Calendar

Dr. Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Deputy Superintendent presented the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school calendars to the Board of Education for approval.

Member Poulosky moved to approve both 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school calendars with one amendment, moving the January institute day back to the Friday before Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (Monday). Changing 2014-2015 calendar: January 20th, Tuesday to January 16th, Friday and 2015-2016 calendar: January 19th, Tuesday to January 15th, Friday. This motion was seconded by Member Gehrman. Motion passed. Member Fisher voted "nay."

13.0 CALL FOR FUTURE SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

15.0 BOARD REPORT

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Member Patten moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Fisher.

President Dimit declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.